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Headline Data – August 2022

Child Protection & Welfare

- 21,197 cases open to social work at the end of August 2022, 162 (<1%%) fewer than July 2022 (21,359) and 458 (2%) fewer than August 2021 (21,655), second consecutive monthly decrease.
- 75% (15,967) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 5,230 (25%) cases awaiting allocation of a social worker at the end of August 2022, 22 more than July 2022 (5,208) and 465 (10%) more than August 2021 (4,765).
- Seven areas account for 71% (3,702/5,230) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (618), Dublin South Central (589), Cork (547), Dublin North City (534), Waterford/Wexford (522), Dublin North (460) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (432).
- 8% (394) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of August 2022 were categorised as high priority, 28 (8%) more than July (366).

Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care.

Cases of Retrospective Abuse

Cases of retrospective abuse are undergoing review and categorisation following the implementation of the Tusla Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure (CASP) on the 27 June 2022. Hence data is not available at this time. The CASP replaces the “Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Abuse and Neglect”, which has been in use since 2014.

- 1,501 cases open to social work at the end of June 2022, 22 fewer than May 2022 (1,523).
- 62% (936) of cases of retrospective abuse open to social work had an allocated social worker, up from 59% at the end of May 2022.
- 565 cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022, 65 (10%) fewer than May 2022 (630) and the third consecutive decrease.
- Five areas account for 67% (377) of all cases awaiting allocation: Midwest (110), Galway/Roscommon (77), Dublin North City (74), Cork (64) and Donegal (52)

Children in Care

- 5,831 children in care at the end of August 2022; five more than July 2022 (5,826) and five more than the same time last year (5,826).
- 858 (14.7%) children in care at the end of August 2022 were in placements with private providers, 20 more than July 2022 (838) and 103 (14%) more August 2021 (755).

- 86% (5,025) of children in care at the end of August 2022 had an allocated social worker; down one percentage point from July 2022.
- A total of 806 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 31 (4%) more than July 2022 (775).

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 930 children listed as “active” at the end of August 2022; no change from July 2022.
- There were 21 (2%) more children “active” at the end of August 2022 than August 2021 (909).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of August 2022 had an allocated social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,052 early years services on the register at the end of August 2022, nine fewer than July 2022 (4,061). There were 95 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of August 2022 than August 2021 (4,147).
- 178 inspections of early years services done in August 2022, 38 (27%) more than July 2022 (140). This brings to 1,665 the number of inspections for the first eight months of 2022, 110 (7%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,555). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,911 children on the register for home education at the end of August 2022, 20 more than July 2022 (1,891) and 130 (7%) more than August 2021 (1,781).
- 1,621 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of August 2022, two fewer than July 2022 (1,623) and 91 (5%) fewer than August 2021 (1,712).

Tusla Education Support Services

Service activity for 2020/2021 impacted by the closure of schools (Covid-19)

- 168 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in August 2022. Brings to 6,771 the number of referrals screened for the 12 months September 2021 – August 2022, 1,181 (21%) more than September 2020 – August 2021 (5,590).
- 3,551 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of August 2022, 23 fewer than July 2022 (3,574) and 1,382 (64%) more than August 2021 (2,169).
- 96 new individual children worked with in August 2022. Brings to 3,073 the number of new individual children worked with for the 12 months September 2021 – August 2022, 384 (14%) more than September 2020 – August 2021 (2,689).

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Referrals¹

- **6,321 referrals** in August 2022, 453 (8%) more than July 2022 (5,868) and 542 (9%) more than August 2021 (5,779). This brings to at least 52,742 the number of referrals for the first eight months of 2022, 5,744 (12%) more than the same period in 2021 (46,998).

It should be noted that the data presented for January – March 2022 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for this period. Data for the remaining months of 2022 is based on referrals logged on NCCIS at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until quarterly validation is complete.

Open Cases

- **21,197 cases open to social work** at the end of August 2022, 162 (<1%) fewer than July 2022 (21,359) and 458 (2%) fewer than August 2021 (21,655), second consecutive monthly decrease. *Note: open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care.*

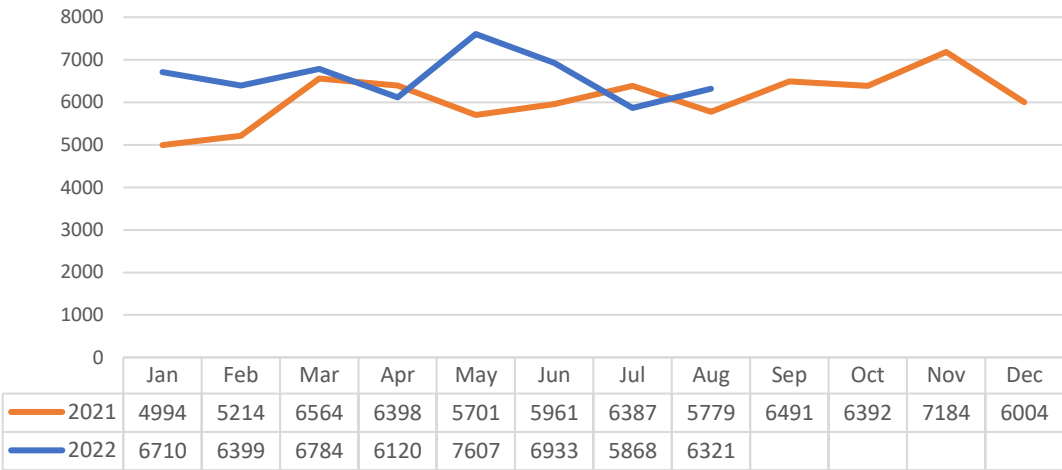
The data presented on cases is based on the status of cases on the National Child Care Information System (NCCIS) at month end.

Data for May and June 2021 is not available due to the impact of the HSE cyber attack. The data on open cases is based on the time actions are recorded on NCCIS, hence data during the period when the system was not available is not meaningful (pages 4 -7).

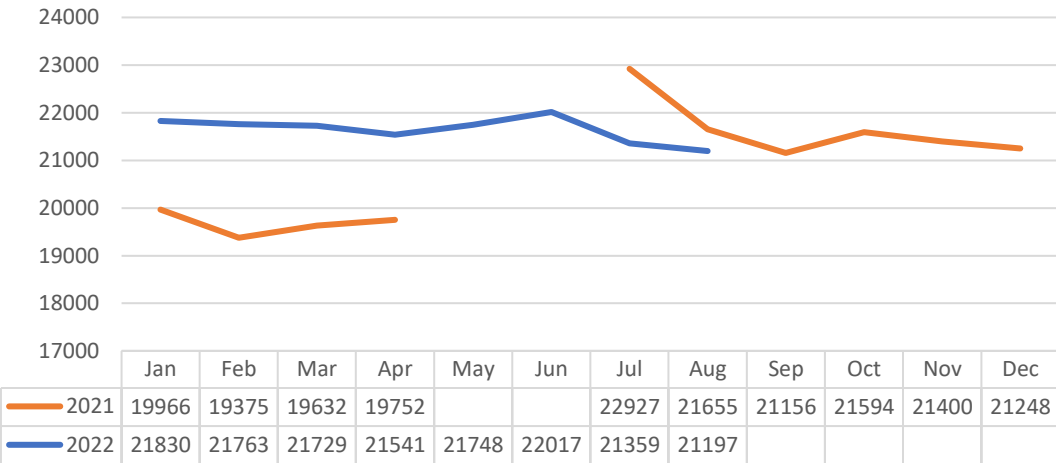
Allocated Cases

- **15,967 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of August 2022, 184 (1%) fewer than July 2022 (16,151) and 923 (5%) fewer than August 2021 (16,890), sixth consecutive monthly decrease.
- Allocated cases account for 75% of open cases, down one percentage point from July 2022.

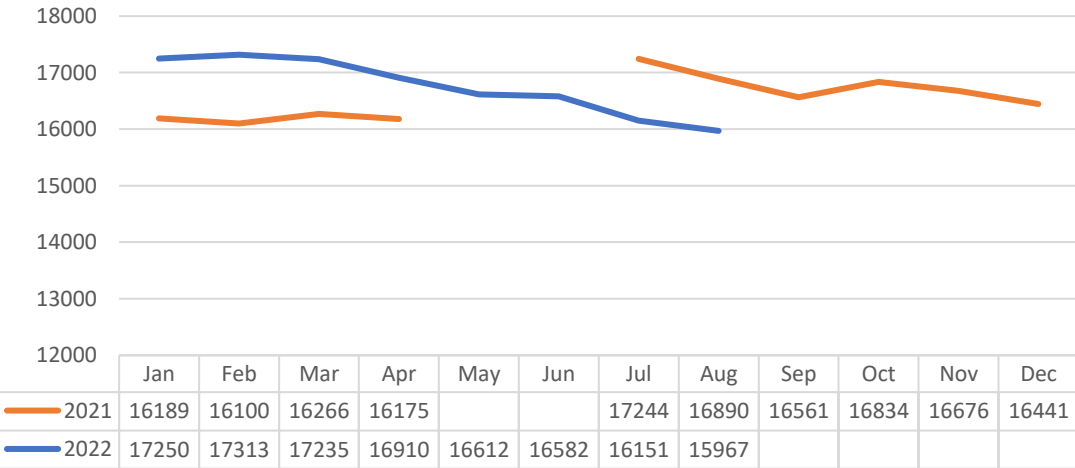
Referrals



Number of Open Cases



Number of Allocated Cases



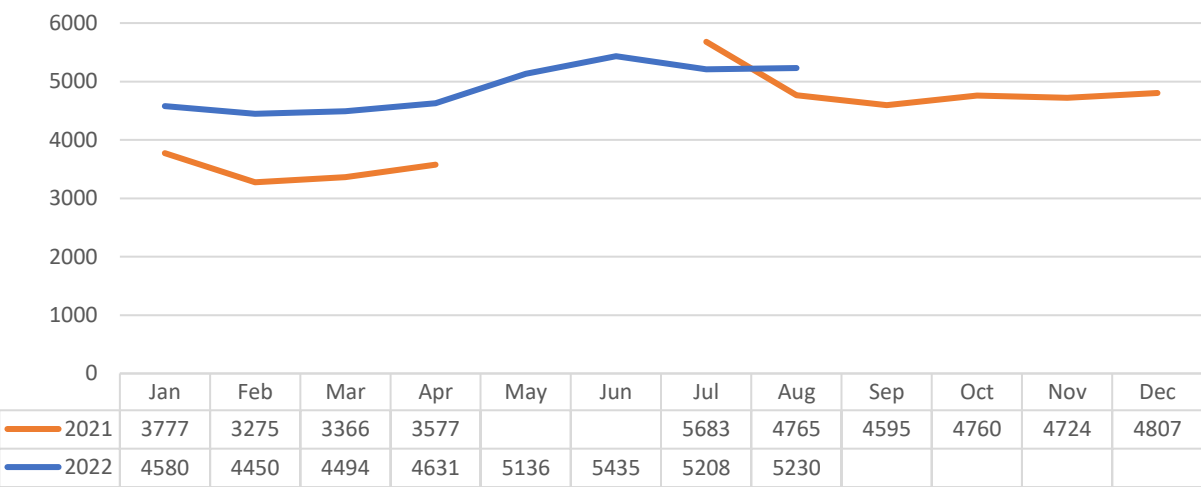
¹ Referrals include referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services, multiple reports of the same concern and referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services. Referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare include: a request for diversion to another agency; a report in which there are no reasonable grounds for concern or no harm identified to a child indicated; a report that does not warrant a Tusla child protection and welfare led intervention (these could be children who need additional supports to stop problems or difficulties worsening but social work led intervention is not required and diversion to Prevention Partnership and Family Support is considered). This was clarified in guidance issued to staff in October 2019. Prior to October 2019, only referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services were counted, with the exception of a small number of areas. It should also be noted that more than one referral can be received in relation to a child, hence the number of children involved is likely to be fewer.

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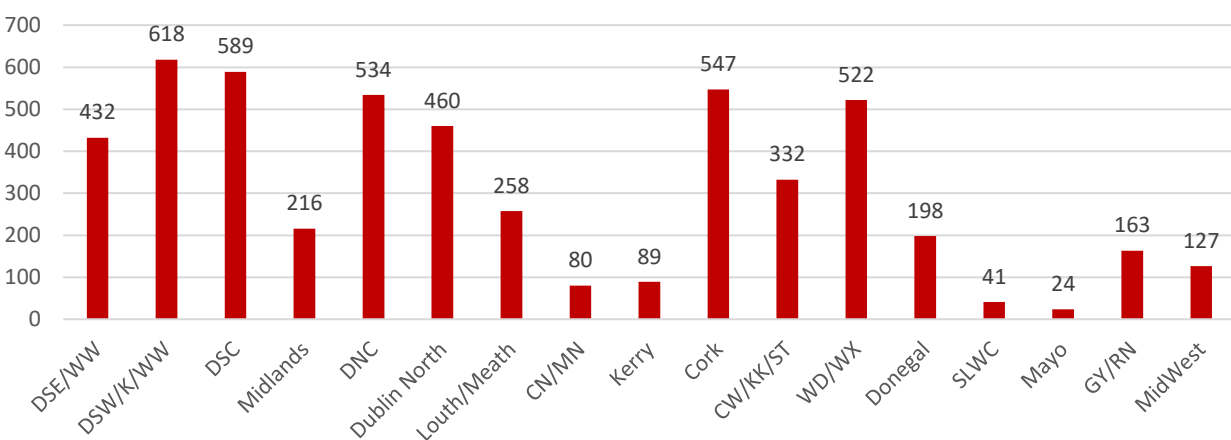
Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

- Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care*
- **5,230 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of August 2022, 22 more than July 2022 (5,208) and 465 (10%) more than August 2021 (4,765). Cases awaiting allocation account for 25% of open cases (21,197), up from 24% at the end of July 2022.
 - 61% (3,167) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of August 2022 were “active on duty”. *This means that actions were undertaken by dedicated duty teams or rotating social workers on a duty roster to progress the protection and welfare of the cases. Examples of actions undertaken include telephone calls relating to the concern, visits to see children, completing initial assessments and child in care reviews or care plans.*
 - Highest number of cases awaiting allocation reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (618), followed by Dublin South Central (589), Cork (547), Dublin North City (534), Waterford/Wexford (522), Dublin North (460) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (432). These seven areas account for 71% (3,702/5,230) of all cases awaiting allocation.
 - 394 cases awaiting allocation at the end of August 2022 were categorised as high priority, 28 (8%) more than July (366).
 - High priority cases account for 8% of cases awaiting allocation, up from 7% at the end of July 2022.
 - 54% (2,829) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 38% (2,007) were low priority.
 - Highest number of high priority cases reported by Waterford/Wexford (47) followed by Dublin South East/Wicklow (44), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (44) and Dublin South Central (42). These four areas account for 45% (177) of all high priority cases awaiting.

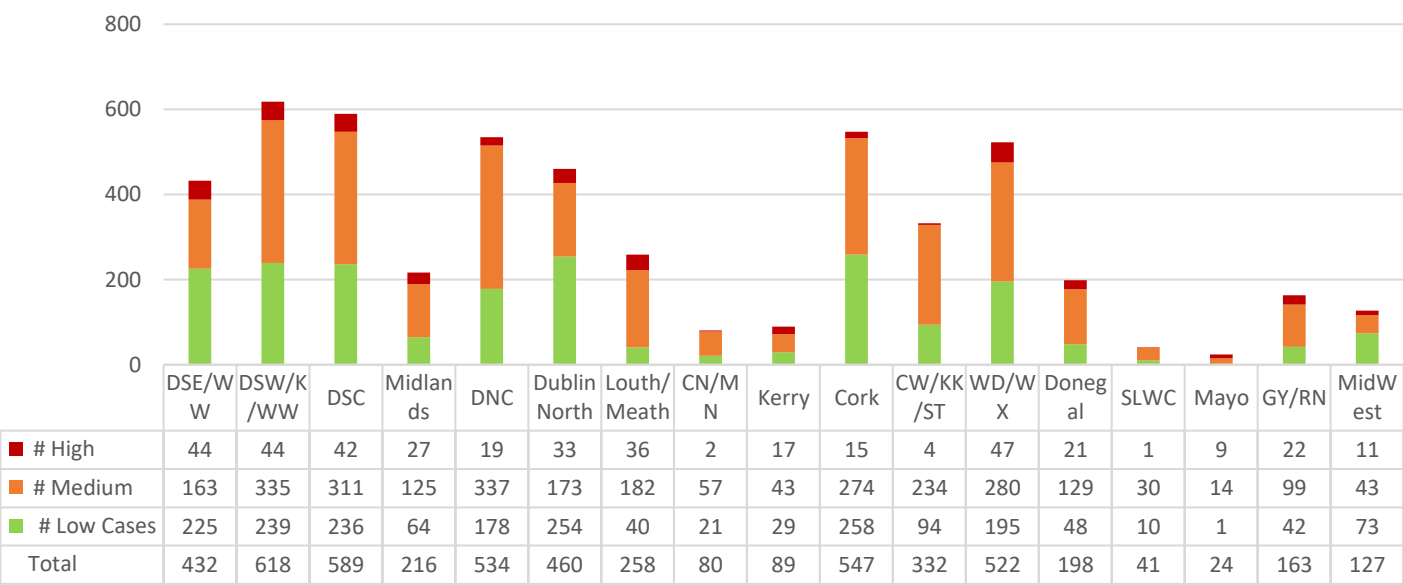
Number of Unallocated Cases



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Number Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 11/17 areas reported an increase in unallocated cases from July 2022.
- Largest increases reported by Dublin South Central (up 86), Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 51), Dublin North City (up 37) and Cork (up 29).
- Of the six areas that reported a decrease, the largest decreases were reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 106; 15%), Waterford/Wexford (down 93; 15%), Dublin North (down 38; 8%) and Cavan/Monaghan (down 30; 27%).
- Nationally 25% of open cases were unallocated at the end of August 2022. Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 25%. Highest percentage (44%) reported by Dublin South Central (44%), Dublin South East/Wicklow (39%), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (37%) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (37%). Lowest percentages reported by Mayo (5%), Midwest (10%), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (12%) and Midlands (12%).
- 13 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of August 2022 than at the end of August 2021. Largest increases reported by Dublin North City (up 326; 157%), Cork (up 183; 50%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 168; 37%) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 135; 45%).
- Of the four areas that reported a decrease, the largest decrease was reported by Louth/Meath (down 270; 51%) followed by Midwest (down 252; 66%), Dublin South Central (down 199; 25%) and Midlands (down 32; 13%).

Area	Aug-21 # Unallocated	Aug-21 % Unallocated	Jun-22 # Unallocated	Jul-22 # Unallocated	Aug-22 # Unallocated	Aug-22 % Unallocated	Jun-Aug	Aug 22 v Aug-21	% Δ	Aug 22 v Jul- 22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	297	29%	461	381	432	39%		135	45%	51	13%
DSW/K/WW	450	30%	707	724	618	37%		168	37%	-106	-15%
DSC	788	47%	529	503	589	44%		-199	-25%	86	17%
Midlands	248	15%	235	197	216	12%		-32	-13%	19	10%
DNC	208	12%	374	497	534	26%		326	157%	37	7%
Dublin North	339	14%	487	498	460	21%		121	36%	-38	-8%
Louth/Meath	528	33%	415	239	258	22%		-270	-51%	19	8%
CN/MN	39	7%	107	110	80	14%		41	105%	-30	-27%
Kerry	60	11%	90	82	89	18%		29	48%	7	9%
Cork	364	16%	629	518	547	24%		183	50%	29	6%
CW/KK/ST	218	27%	294	323	332	37%		114	52%	9	3%
WD/WX	499	29%	527	615	522	28%		23	5%	-93	-15%
Donegal	165	24%	234	202	198	27%		33	20%	-4	-2%
SLWC	30	9%	34	27	41	12%		11	37%	14	52%
Mayo	15	4%	19	7	24	5%		9	60%	17	243%
GY/RN	138	11%	155	155	163	16%		25	18%	8	5%
MidWest	379	27%	138	130	127	10%		-252	-66%	-3	-2%
TOTAL	4,765	22%	5435	5208	5230	25%		465	10%	22	0%

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Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Jul-22	Aug-22	Δ	Jul-22	Aug-22	Δ2	Jul-22	Aug-22	Δ3	Jul-22	Aug-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	216	229	13	1,111	1,116	5	730	684	-46	381	432	51
DSW/K/WW	535	581	46	1,755	1,671	-84	1,031	1,053	22	724	618	-106
DSC	399	543	144	1,329	1,354	25	826	765	-61	503	589	86
Midlands	521	634	113	1,823	1,753	-70	1,626	1,537	-89	197	216	19
DNC	338	328	-10	2,005	2,055	50	1,508	1,521	13	497	534	37
Dublin North	504	545	41	2,249	2,225	-24	1,751	1,765	14	498	460	-38
Louth/Meath	425	462	37	1,160	1,151	-9	921	893	-28	239	258	19
CN/MN	163	144	-19	606	573	-33	496	493	-3	110	80	-30
Kerry	168	156	-12	527	497	-30	445	408	-37	82	89	7
Cork	573	518	-55	2,275	2,247	-28	1,757	1,700	-57	518	547	29
CW/KK/ST	318	329	11	936	887	-49	613	555	-58	323	332	9
WD/WX	484	529	45	1,886	1,859	-27	1,271	1,337	66	615	522	-93
Donegal	144	194	50	715	745	30	513	547	34	202	198	-4
SLWC	133	129	-4	316	338	22	289	297	8	27	41	14
Mayo	100	153	53	419	466	47	412	442	30	7	24	17
GY/RN	321	347	26	984	1,006	22	829	843	14	155	163	8
MidWest	526	500	-26	1,263	1,254	-9	1,133	1,127	-6	130	127	-3
Total	5868	6321	453	21,359	21,197	-162	16,151	15,967	-184	5208	5230	22

High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority		
Area	Awaiting Jul-22	Awaiting Aug-22	Δ	Awaiting Jul-22	Awaiting Aug-22	Δ 2	Awaiting Jul-22	Awaiting Aug-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	33	44	11	148	163	15	200	225	25
DSW/K/WW	34	44	10	328	335	7	362	239	-123
DSC	14	42	28	281	311	30	208	236	28
Midlands	34	27	-7	105	125	20	58	64	6
DNC	27	19	-8	362	337	-25	108	178	70
Dublin North	28	33	5	178	173	-5	292	254	-38
Louth/Meath	30	36	6	159	182	23	50	40	-10
CN/MN	4	2	-2	79	57	-22	27	21	-6
Kerry	16	17	1	39	43	4	27	29	2
Cork	29	15	-14	250	274	24	239	258	19
CW/KK/ST	6	4	-2	209	234	25	108	94	-14
WD/WX	41	47	6	320	280	-40	254	195	-59
Donegal	28	21	-7	126	129	3	48	48	0
SLWC	2	1	-1	13	30	17	12	10	-2
Mayo	4	9	5	2	14	12	1	1	0
GY/RN	29	22	-7	94	99	5	32	42	10
MidWest	7	11	4	41	43	2	82	73	-9
TOTAL	366	394	28	2734	2829	95	2108	2007	-101

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

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Referrals

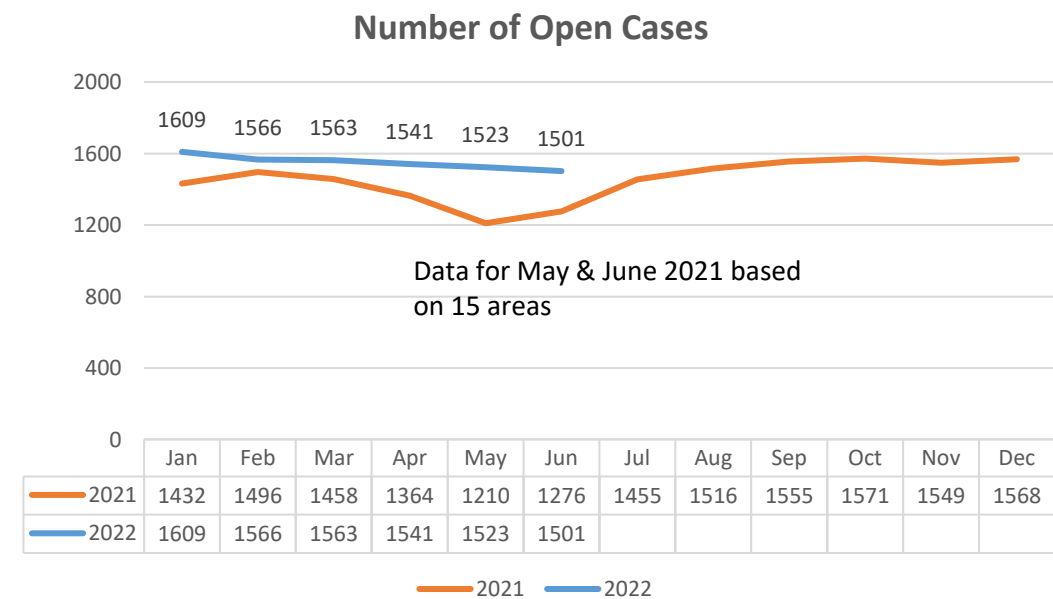
- **428 referrals of retrospective abuse** in June 2022, 42 (9%) fewer than May 2022 (470) and 194 (83%) more than June 2021 (234). Brings to 2,539 the number of referrals for the first six months of 2022, 1,014 (66%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,525).

Data for June 2022 is up to the 27 June 2022 when Tusla [Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure \(CASP\)](#) was implemented.

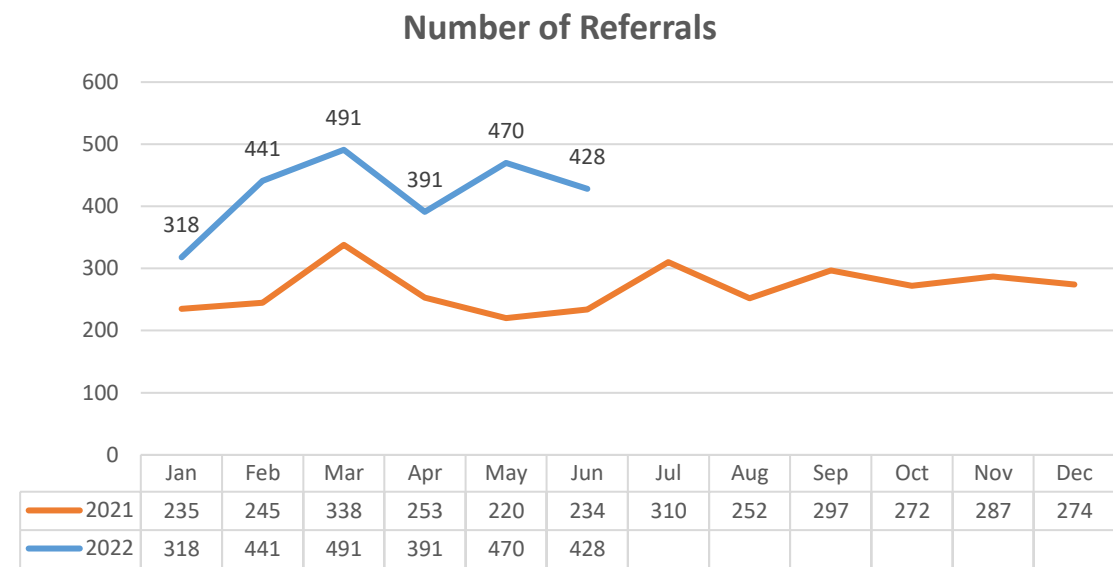
Data presented on retrospective cases of abuse (pages 8-11) for May and June 2021 is based on 15 areas. Data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan not available due to the impact of the cyber-attack.

Open Cases

- **1,501 cases open to social work** at the end of June 2022, 22 fewer than May 2022 (1,523).

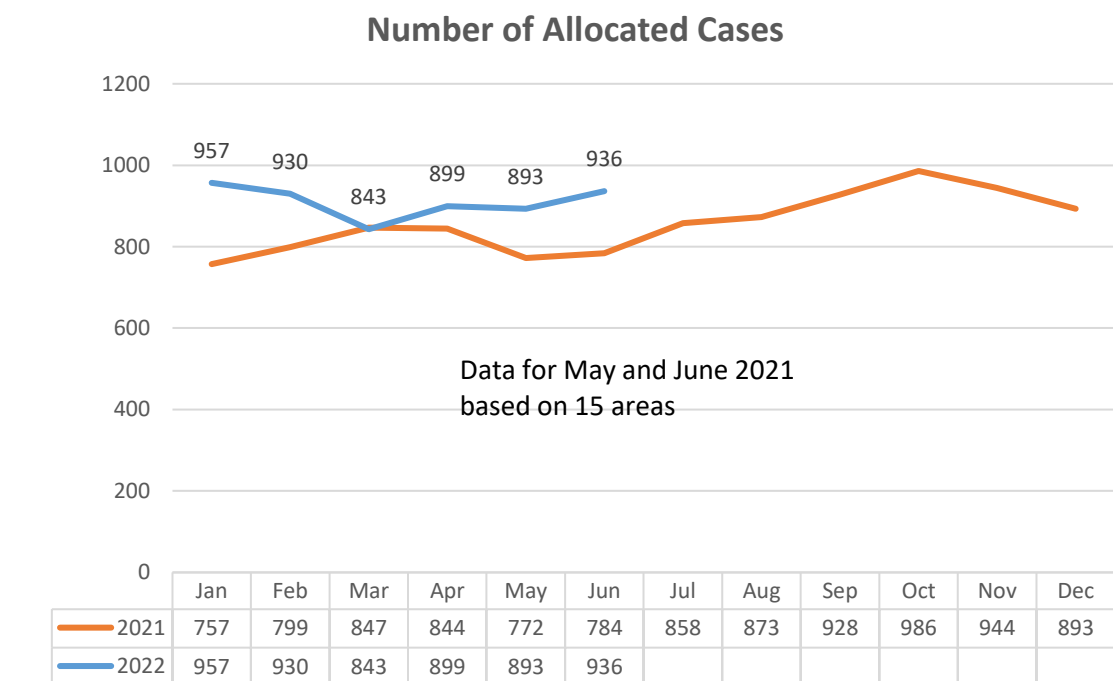


Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions.



Allocated Cases

- **936 cases allocated to a social worker** at the end of June 2022, 43 more than at the end of May 2022 (893).
- Allocated cases account for 62% of open cases, up from 59% at the end of May 2022.

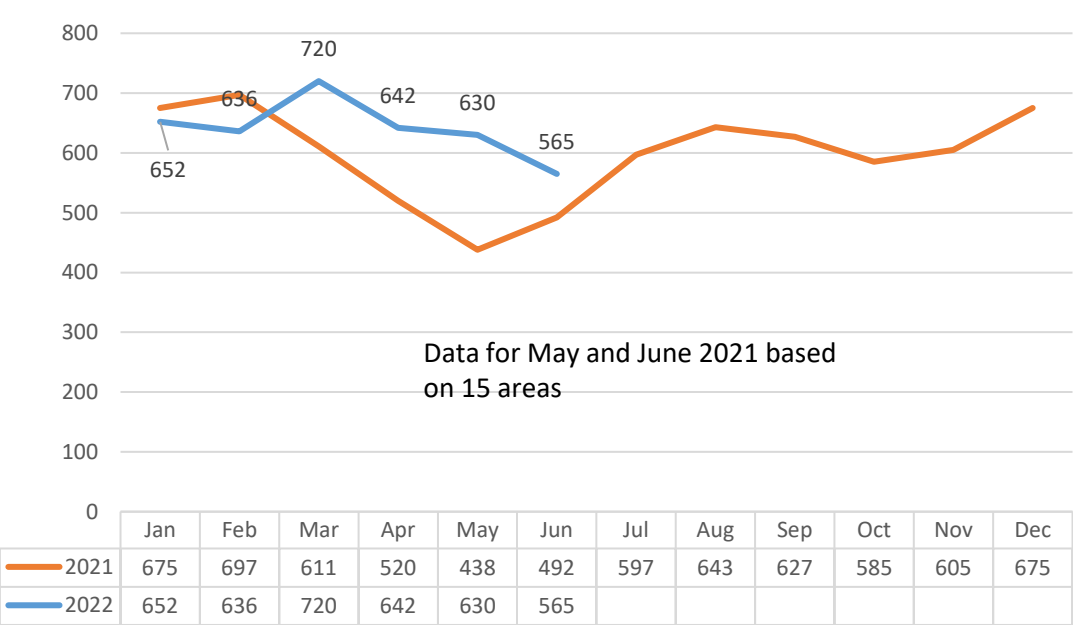


Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

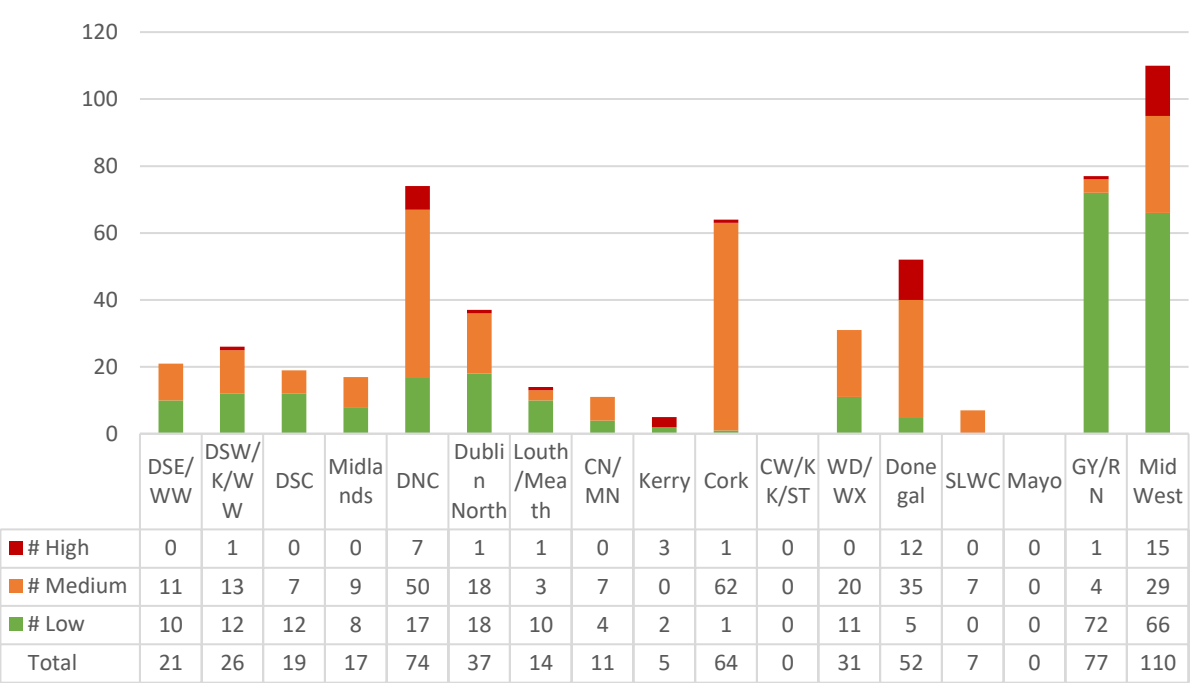
- **565 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2022, 65 (10%) fewer than May 2022 (630) and the third consecutive decrease.
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 38% of open cases, down from 41% at the end of May 2022.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Midwest (110) followed by Galway/Roscommon (77), Dublin North City (74), Cork (64) and Donegal (52). These five areas account for 67% (377) of cases awaiting allocation. Two areas (Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary and Mayo) have no cases awaiting allocation.

Number of Unallocated Cases

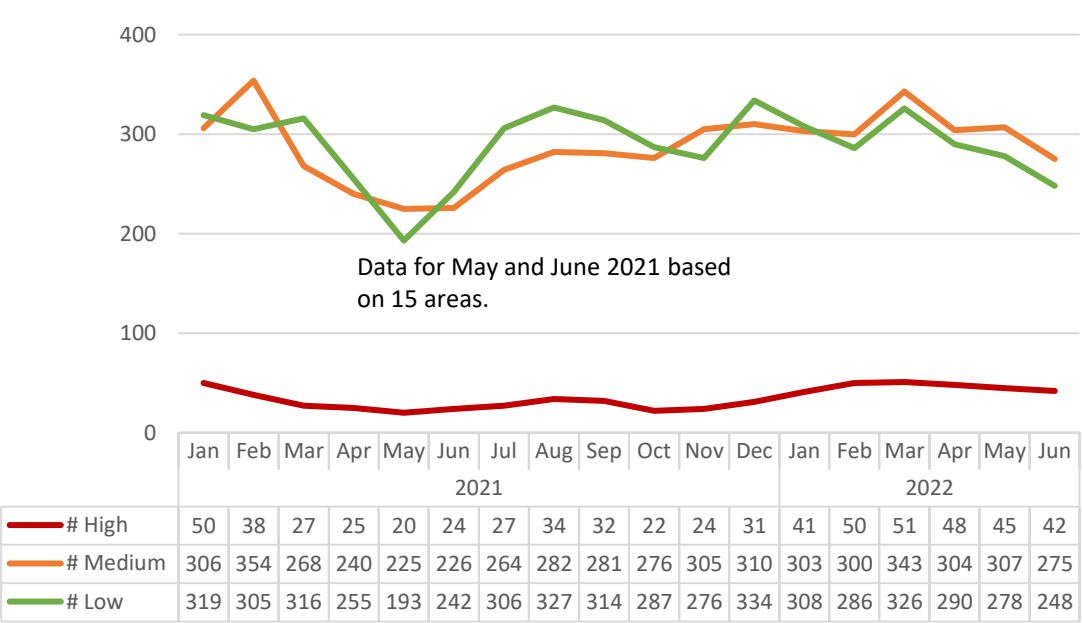


- **42 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2022, three fewer than May 2022 (45) and the third consecutive decrease after five consecutive monthly increases.
- High priority cases accounted for 7% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022 (565), no change from May 2022.
- High priority cases are reported by nine areas with the highest numbers reported by Midwest (15), Donegal (12) and Dublin North City (7).

Unallocated Cases by Priority Level and Area





















Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **6 areas reported an increase** in cases awaiting allocation from May 2022, Waterford/Wexford (up 6), Galway/Roscommon (up 6), Midwest (up 6), Louth/Meath (up 5), Kerry (up 5) and Cavan/Monaghan (up 1).
- **8 areas reported an decrease** with the largest decrease reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 21) followed by Dublin South Central (down 18), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 16), Midlands (down 15) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 12).
- The remaining three areas (Donegal, Mayo and Sligo/Leitrim/ West Cavan) reported no change.
- 38% (565) of open cases are awaiting allocation nationally, with seven areas reporting a percentage equal to or higher than the national average. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (73%), Donegal (70%), Galway/Roscommon (70%), Midwest (62%) and Louth/Meath (61%).

- **7/15 areas** had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022 than June 2021, while seven areas had fewer cases. Of the remaining three areas Mayo reported no change while data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan was not available for June 2021 due to the HSE cyber-attack. .
- Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 103), Dublin North City (up 40) and Galway/Roscommon (up 21). Largest decrease reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 43) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 42) and Kerry (down 37).

Area	Jun-21 # Unallocated	Jun-21 % Unallocated	Apr-22 # Unallocated	May-22 # Unallocated	Jun-22 # Unallocated	Jun-22 % Unallocated	Apr-Jun	Jun-22 v Jun- 21	% Δ	Jun 22 v May- 22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	9	90%	28	33	21	38%		12	133%	-12	-36%
DSW/K/WW	68	60%	61	47	26	33%		-42	-62%	-21	-45%
DSC	31	53%	33	37	19	73%		-12	-39%	-18	-49%
Midlands	26	72%	32	32	17	33%		-9	-35%	-15	-47%
DNC	34	25%	76	75	74	54%		40	118%	-1	-1%
Dublin North	34	21%	39	40	37	25%		3	9%	-3	-8%
LH/MH	2	6%	11	9	14	61%		12	600%	5	56%
CN/MN	0	0%	10	10	11	22%		11		1	10%
Kerry	42	49%	0	0	5	11%		-37	-88%	5	
Cork	90	60%	69	72	64	32%		-26	-29%	-8	-11%
CW/KK/ST	19	45%	22	16	0	0%		-19	-100%	-16	-100%
WD/WX	74	51%	30	25	31	16%		-43	-58%	6	24%
Donegal			53	52	52	70%				0	0%
SLWC			8	7	7	30%				0	0%
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	56	67%	63	71	77	70%		21	38%	6	8%
Midwest	7	6%	107	104	110	62%		103	1471%	6	6%
TOTAL	492	39%	642	630	565	38%				-65	-10%

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Summary Tables

Area	Referrals May-22	Referrals Jun-22	Δ	Open Cases May-22	Open Cases Jun-22	Δ2	Allocated Cases May-22	Allocated Cases Jun-22	Δ3	Unallocated Cases May-22	Unallocated Cases Jun-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	21	20	-1	69	55	-14	36	34	-2	33	21	-12
DSW/K/WW	13	17	4	95	80	-15	48	54	6	47	26	-21
DSC	22	21	-1	48	26	-22	11	7	-4	37	19	-18
Midlands	30	16	-14	61	51	-10	29	34	5	32	17	-15
DNC	9	19	10	140	136	-4	65	62	-3	75	74	-1
Dublin North	47	28	-19	152	148	-4	112	111	-1	40	37	-3
LH/MH	65	44	-21	22	23	1	13	9	-4	9	14	5
CN/MN	17	14	-3	41	49	8	31	38	7	10	11	1
Kerry	25	11	-14	27	44	17	27	39	12	0	5	5
Cork	63	51	-12	190	198	8	118	134	16	72	64	-8
CW/KK/ST	31	36	5	41	29	-12	25	29	4	16	0	-16
WD/WX	50	77	27	189	194	5	164	163	-1	25	31	6
Donegal	4	4	0	75	74	-1	23	22	-1	52	52	0
SLWC	1	2	1	25	23	-2	18	16	-2	7	7	0
Mayo	4	27	23	63	83	20	63	83	20	0	0	0
GY/RN	35	27	-8	109	110	1	38	33	-5	71	77	6
Midwest	33	14	-19	176	178	2	72	68	-4	104	110	6
TOTAL	470	428	-42	1523	1501	-22	893	936	43	630	565	-65

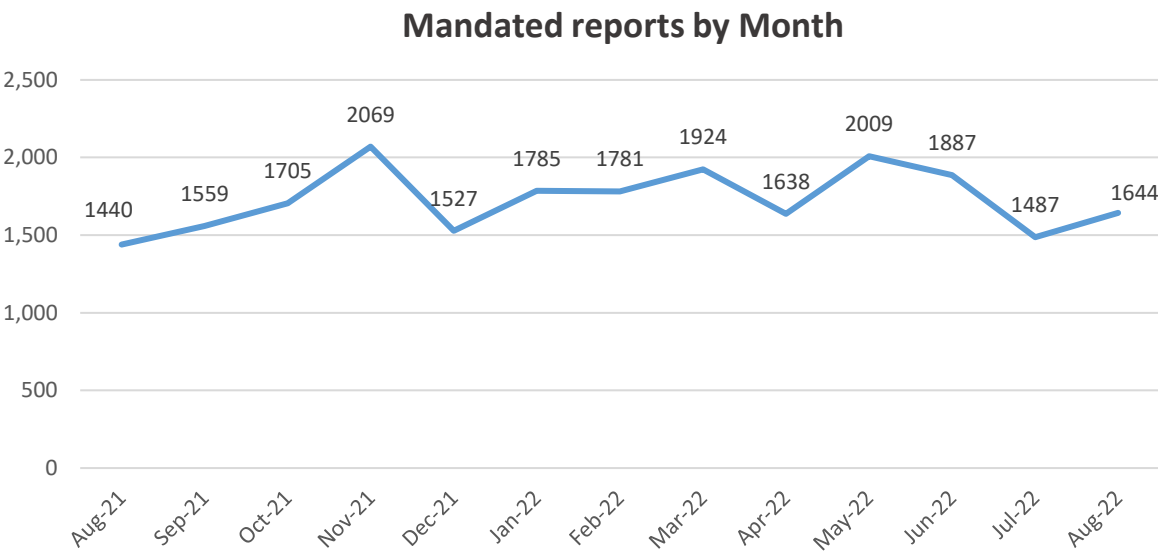
Area	High Priority Awaiting May-22	High Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting May-22	Medium Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting May-22	Low Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	0	0	0	15	11	-4	18	10	-8
DSW/K/WW	6	1	-5	19	13	-6	22	12	-10
DSC	1	0	-1	15	7	-8	21	12	-9
Midlands	0	0	0	17	9	-8	15	8	-7
DNC	6	7	1	51	50	-1	18	17	-1
Dublin North	1	1	0	20	18	-2	19	18	-1
LH/MH	1	1	0	3	3	0	5	10	5
CN/MN	0	0	0	7	7	0	3	4	1
Kerry	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	2
Cork	1	1	0	70	62	-8	1	1	0
CW/KK/ST	0	0	0	8	0	-8	8	0	-8
WD/WX	0	0	0	9	20	11	16	11	-5
Donegal	12	12	0	35	35	0	5	5	0
SLWC	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	1	1	0	3	4	1	67	72	5
Midwest	16	15	-1	28	29	1	60	66	6
TOTAL	45	42	-3	307	275	-32	278	248	-30

Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **1,644 mandated reports of abuse** received in August 2022, 157 (11%) more than July 2022 (1,487). This brings to at least 14,155 mandated reports for the first eight months of 2022, 2642 (23%) more than the same period in 2021 (11,513).

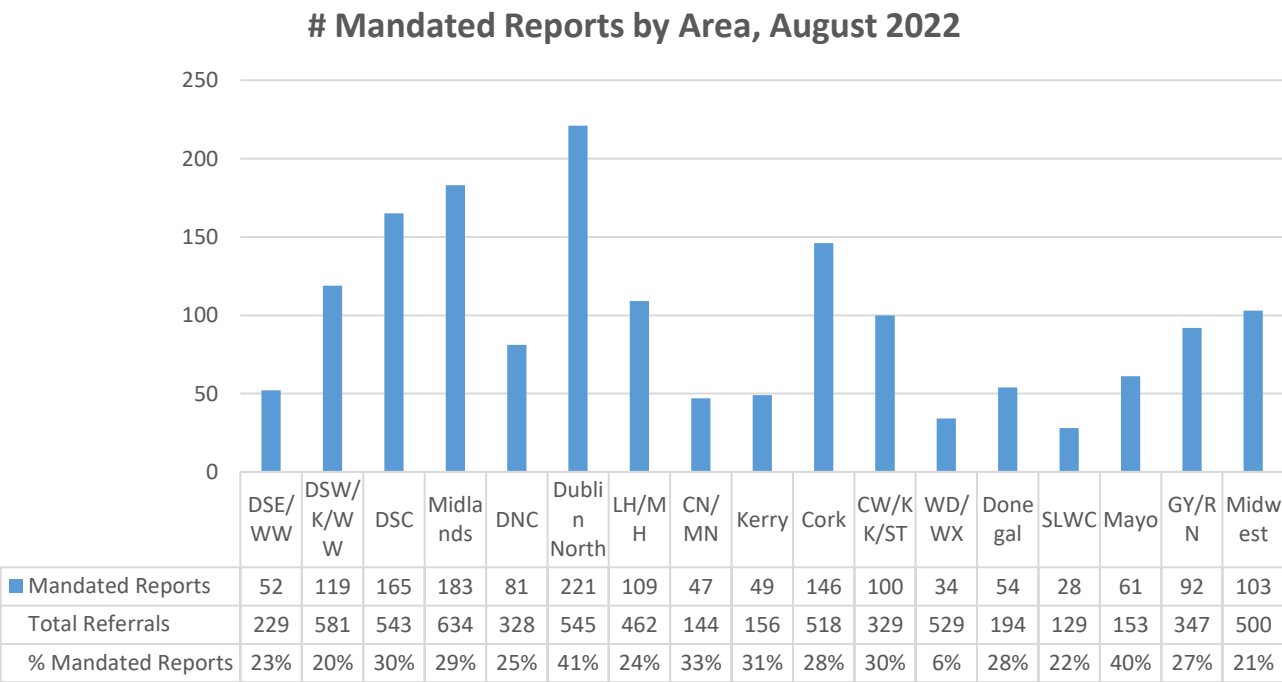
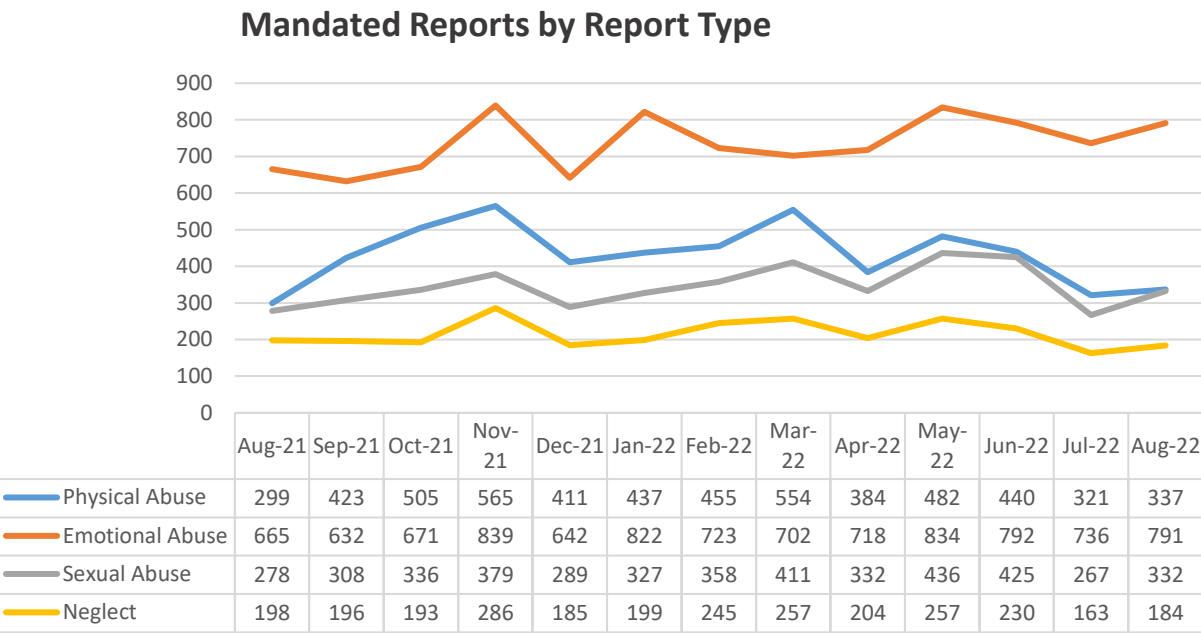
It should be noted that the data presented for January – March 2022 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for this period. Data for the remaining months of 2022 is based on referrals logged on NCCIS at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until quarterly validation is complete.

- Mandated reports accounted for 26% (1,644) of all referrals received (6,321) in August 2022.



- The number of mandated reports for August 2022, by area ranged from 28 (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 221 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (41%) was reported by Dublin North followed by Mayo (40%) and Cavan/Monaghan (33%).
- The lowest percentages were reported by Waterford/Wexford (6%), Midwest (21%) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (22%)

- Highest number of reports for August 2022 were for emotional abuse (791; 48%) followed by physical abuse (337; 20%), sexual abuse (332; 20%) and neglect (184; 11%).



¹ Mandated reports are included in the data on referrals (slide 4)

Mandated Reports – Child Protection & Welfare

Source of Reports

- Highest number of reports for August 2022 from An Garda Síochána (849; 52%) followed by social workers (256; 16%), social care workers (102; 6%), medical practitioners (80; 5%), safeguarding officers (79; 5%), domestic violence shelters (47; 3%) and psychotherapists (43; 3%). These seven sources account for 89% (1,456) of reports for August 2022.
- Highest number of reports year to date from An Garda Síochána (6,142; 43%) followed by teachers (1,934; 14%), social workers (1,805; 13%), social care workers (752; 5%), safeguarding officers (745; 5%), medical practitioners (562; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (490; 4%). These seven sources account for 88% (12,430) of reports year to date.

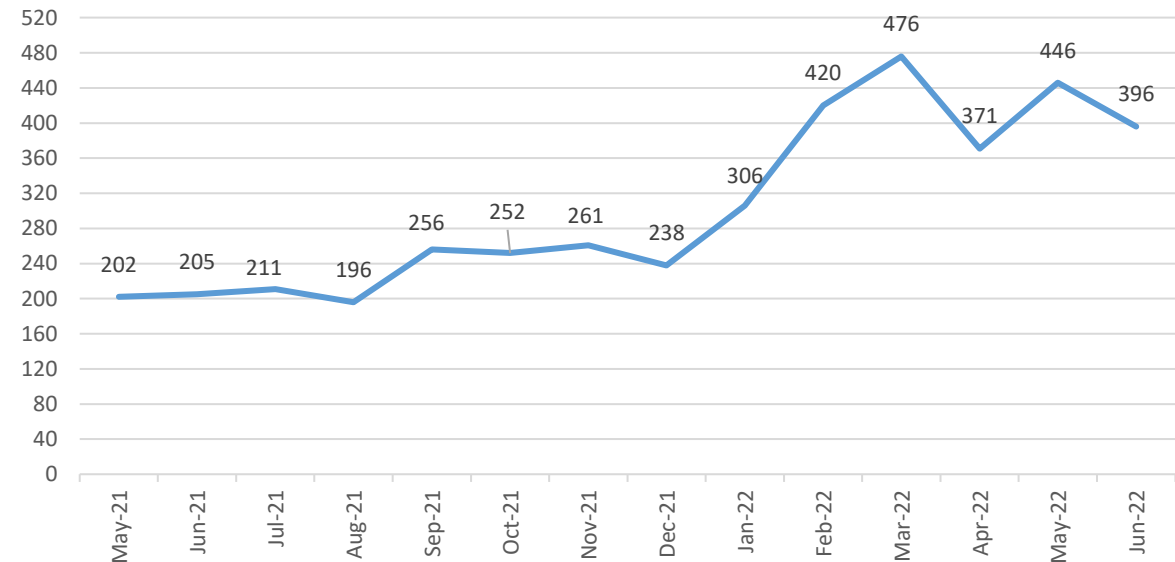
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Source	# Aug 2022	% Aug 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	80	4.9%	562	4.0%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	42	2.6%	297	2.1%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	24	0.2%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	30	0.2%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	6	0.4%	44	0.3%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	*	*
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	39	2.4%	299	2.1%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	102	6.2%	752	5.3%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	256	15.6%	1,805	12.8%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	0	0.0%	18	0.1%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	*	*	37	0.3%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	25	1.5%	1,934	13.7%
An Garda Síochána Member	849	51.6%	6,142	43.4%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	*	*	25	0.2%
Domestic violence shelter manager	47	2.9%	490	3.5%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	10	0.6%	76	0.5%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	*	*	26	0.2%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	7	<1%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	43	2.6%	452	3.2%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.0%	8	0.1%
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	0	0.0%	*	*
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	0	0.0%	6	<1%
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function of religious, sporting, recreational, cultural, educational and other bodies and organisations offering services to children;	79	4.8%	745	5.3%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	*	*	73	0.5%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	*	*	73	0.5%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	27	1.6%	157	1.1%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	11	0.7%	36	0.3%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	*	*	30	0.2%
Total (includes suppressed values)	1,644	100.0%	14,155	100.0%

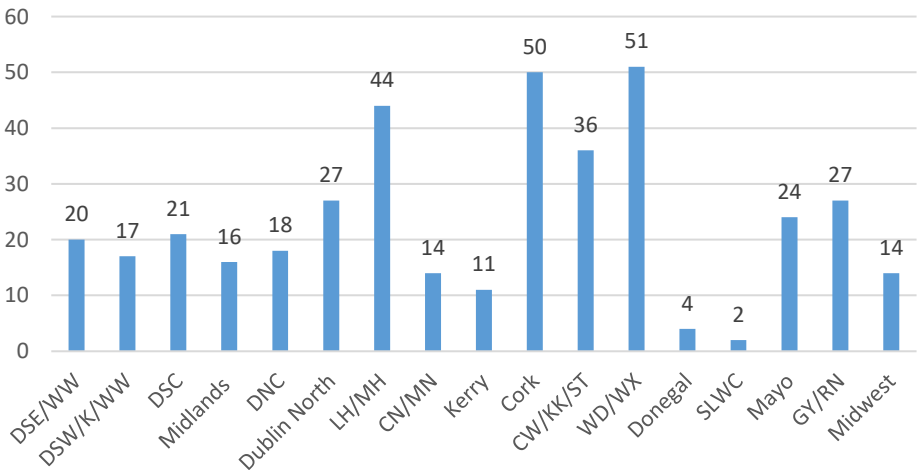
Mandated Reports¹ – Retrospective Abuse

- **396 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in June 2022, brings to 2,415 the number of reports for the first six months of 2022.
- Mandated reports accounted for 93% of all reports of retrospective abuse received in June 2022 (428).
- The majority (87%; 345) of mandated reports for June 2022 were for sexual abuse.
- Highest number of mandated reports reported by Waterford/Wexford (51) followed by Cork (50) and Louth/Meath (44).

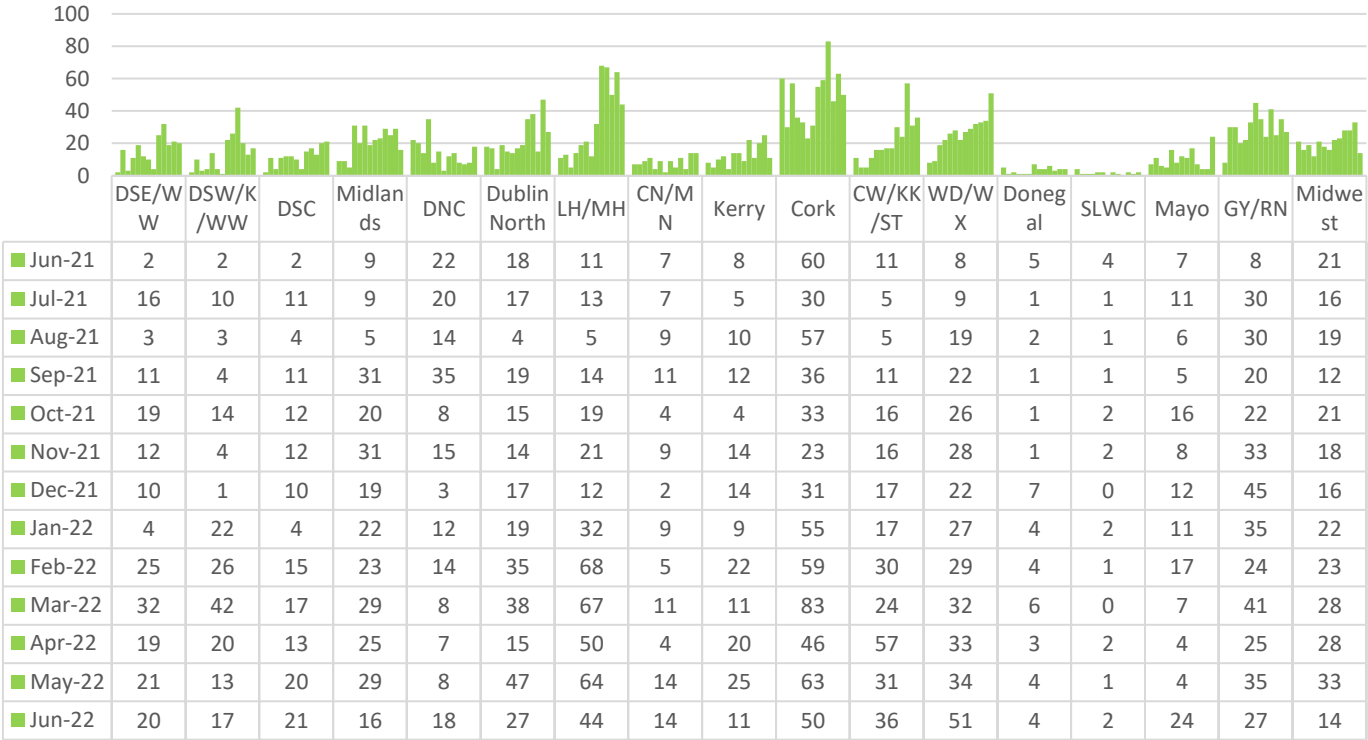
Mandated Reports by Month



Mandated Reports by Area - June 2022



Mandated Reports - Retrospective Cases of Abuse



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Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

Source of Reports

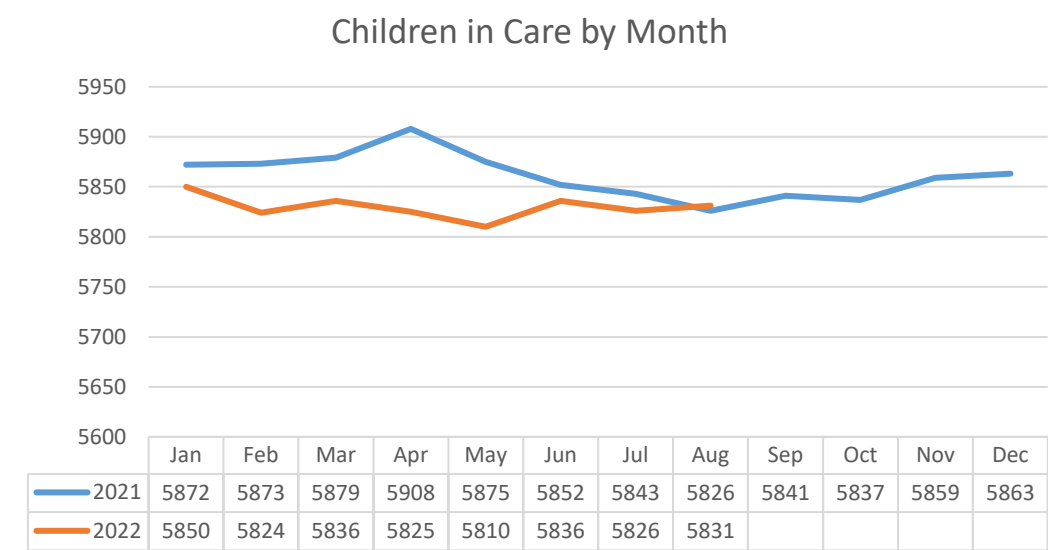
- Highest number of reports for June 2022 from psychotherapists (160; 40%) followed by An Garda Síochána (82; 21%), social workers (44; 11%), psychologists (32; 8%) and medical practitioners (25; 6%). These five sources account for 87% (343) of all reports received.
- Highest number of reports year to date from psychotherapists (1,060; 44%), An Garda Síochána (364; 15%), social workers (271; 11%), psychologists (252; 10%) and medical practitioners (143; 6%). These five sources account for 87% (2,090) of reports for June 2022.

Source	# Jun 2022	% Jun 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	25	6.3%	143	5.9%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	9	2.3%	76	3.1%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	8	0.3%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	*	*
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	5	0.2%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	32	8.1%	252	10.4%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	7	1.8%	28	1.2%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	44	11.1%	271	11.2%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	*	*	*	*
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	*	*	22	0.9%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	9	2.3%	33	1.4%
An Garda Síochána Member	82	20.7%	364	15.1%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Domestic violence shelter manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	8	0.3%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	25	1.0%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	160	40.4%	1060	43.9%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	*	*	11	0.5%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function of religious, sporting, recreational, cultural, educational and other bodies and organisations offering services to children;	11	2.8%	83	3.4%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	0	0.0%	*	*
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	*	*	10	0.4%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	*	*	*	*
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	0	0.0%	*	*
Total (includes suppressed values)	396	100.0%	2415	100.0%

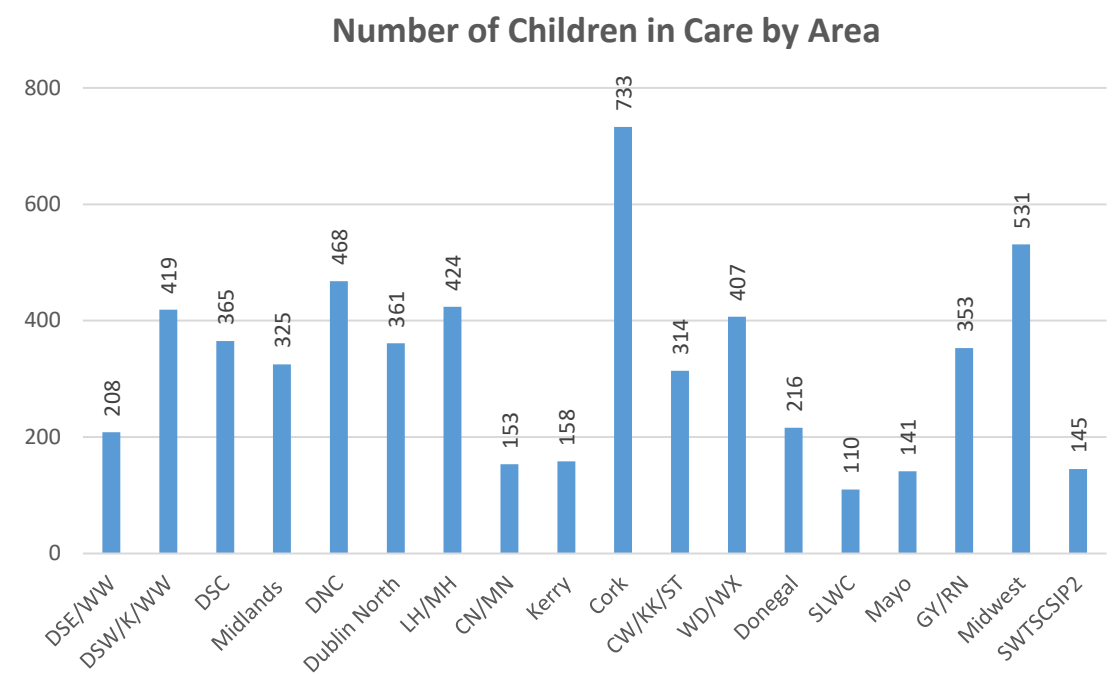
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Children in Care

- **5,831 children in care at the end of August 2022**; five more than July 2022 (5,826).
- 5 more children in care than the same time last year (5,826).
- 63.4% (3,699) of children in care are in general foster care, 25.5% (1,485) are in relative foster care, 7.6% (444) are in residential care and 3.5% (203) are in “other” care placements.
- 13 (3%) of the 444 children in residential placements are in special care



- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (733) followed by Midwest (531) and Dublin North City (468).
- Fewest number reported by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (110) followed by Mayo (141) and the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (145).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.4/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (5.9/1,000) and Dublin South Central (5.6/1,000). Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.4/1,000) followed by Dublin North (3.6/1,000) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.9/1,000).
- Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.8/1,000 children.



Rate of Children in Care / 1,000 population 0-17 years

Area	Aug-21	Jul-22	Aug-22	Aug-22 v Aug-21	Aug-22 v Jul-22	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin South East/Wicklow	214	208	208	-6	0	86,810	2.4
DSW/K/WW	417	417	419	2	2	108,186	3.9
Dublin South Central	356	368	365	9	-3	65,564	5.6
Midlands	338	329	325	-13	-4	80,193	4.1
Dublin North City	480	469	468	-12	-1	44,927	10.4
Dublin North	351	357	361	10	4	100,654	3.6
Louth/Meath	421	416	424	3	8	93,093	4.6
Cavan/Monaghan	158	151	153	-5	2	36,446	4.2
Kerry	150	156	158	8	2	34,527	4.6
Cork	738	729	733	-5	4	134,015	5.5
CW/KK/ST	321	319	314	-7	-5	63,009	5.0
Waterford/Wexford	411	410	407	-4	-3	68,513	5.9
Donegal	220	216	216	-4	0	42,865	5.0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	108	109	110	2	1	23,554	4.7
Mayo	129	145	141	12	-4	31,968	4.4
Galway/Roscommon	375	362	353	-22	-9	79,912	4.4
Midwest	567	532	531	-36	-1	96,266	5.5
Total Areas	5754	5693	5686	-68	-7	1,190,502	4.8
SWTSCIP	72	133	145	73	12		
National	5826	5826	5831	5	5		

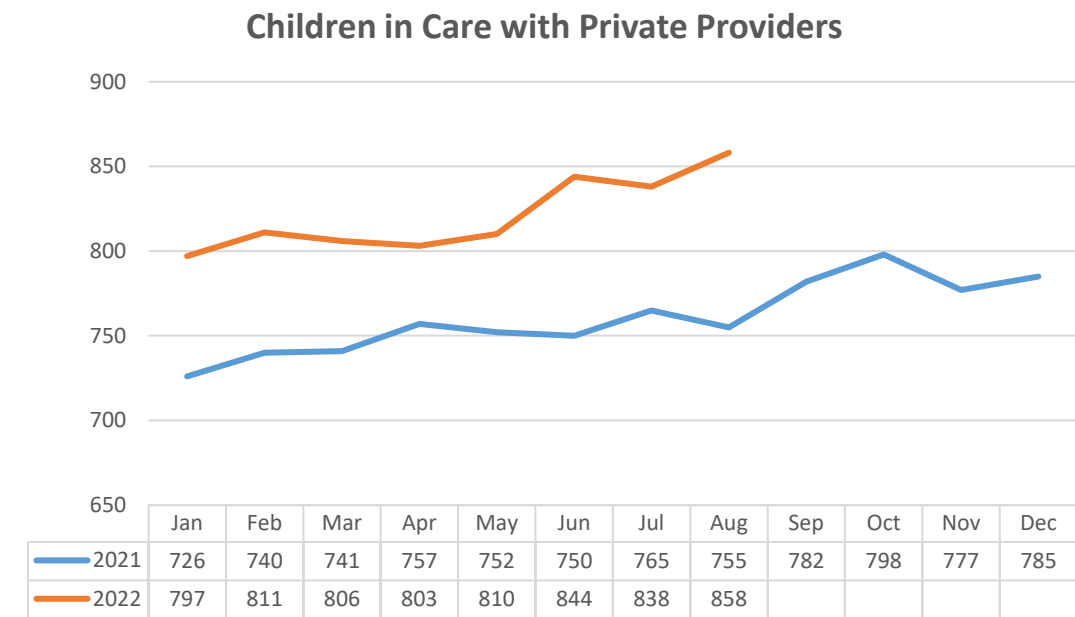
Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SWTSCIP): in addition to 145 children in care at the end of August 2022, this service also had a further 42 children accommodated under Section 5 Child Care Act 1991 (accommodation for homeless children).

Children in Care

- 858 (14.7%) children in care at the end of August 2022 were in placements with private providers, 20 more than July 2022 (838).

Note: data prior to November 2021 should be interpreted with caution due to the inclusion of a small number of children in residential care in placements with voluntary organisations.

- There were 103 (14%) more children in care in placements with private providers at the end of August 2022 than at the end of August 2021 (755).



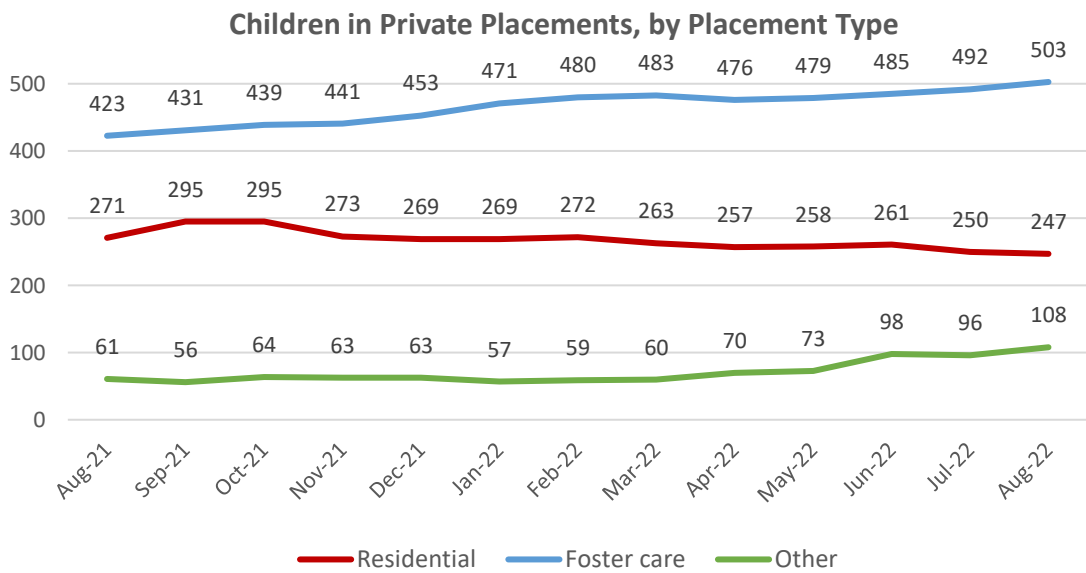
- 59% (503) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, 11 more than July 2022 (492) and 80 (19%) more than August 2021 (423).
- 29% (247) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, three fewer than July 2022 (250) and 24 (9%) fewer than August 2021 (271). [Ref note above re: voluntary organisations]
- The remaining 13% (108) of children were in “Other” care placements with private providers, 12 (13%) more than July 2022 (96) and 47 (77%) more than August 2021 (61). “Other” care placements include supported lodgings, other residential centres e.g., disability unit / drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres etc.).

- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (115) followed by Dublin North City (105), Dublin South Central (104), Dublin North (87) and the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (69).

Children in care with private providers

Children with Private Providers	Aug-21	Jul-22	Aug-22	Aug-22 v Aug-21	Aug-22 v Jul-22
DSW/K/WW	105	116	115	10	-1
Dublin North City	82	106	105	23	-1
Dublin South Central	104	106	104	0	-2
Dublin North	77	85	87	10	2
SWTSCSIP	31	56	69	38	13
Midlands	70	66	64	-6	-2
Cork	67	64	64	-3	0
Dublin South East/Wicklow	44	45	44	0	-1
Midwest	39	41	42	3	1
Louth/Meath	37	35	40	3	5
Waterford/Wexford	39	24	25	-14	1
Kerry	8	19	22	14	3
Donegal	18	19	21	3	2
Galway/Roscommon	7	19	20	13	1
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	7	13	14	7	1
CW/KK/ST	13	13	13	0	0
Cavan/Monaghan	*	*	*	0	-1
Mayo	*	*	*	2	-1
Total	755	838	858	103	20

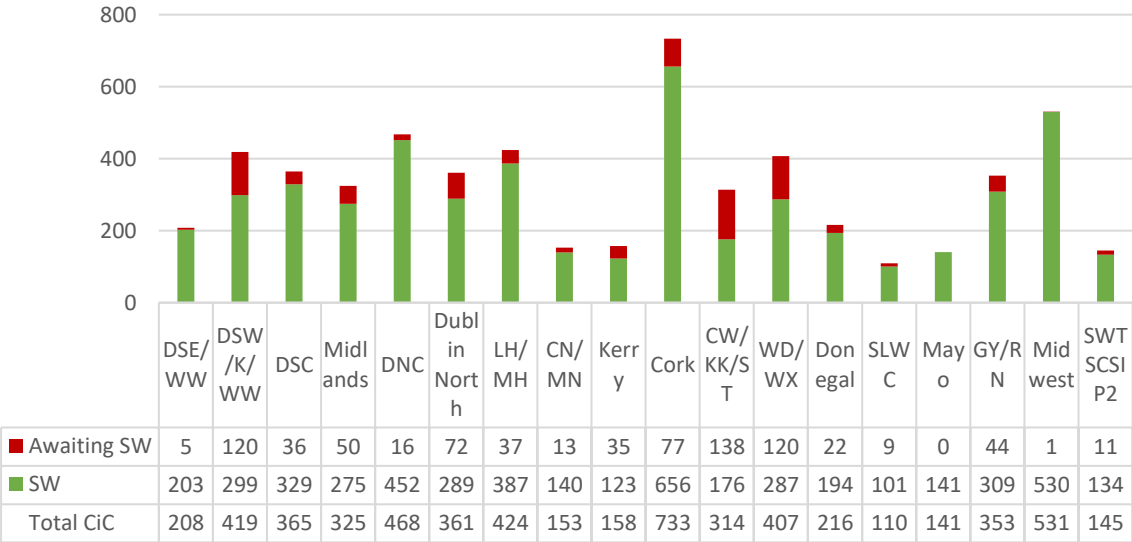
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Children in Care

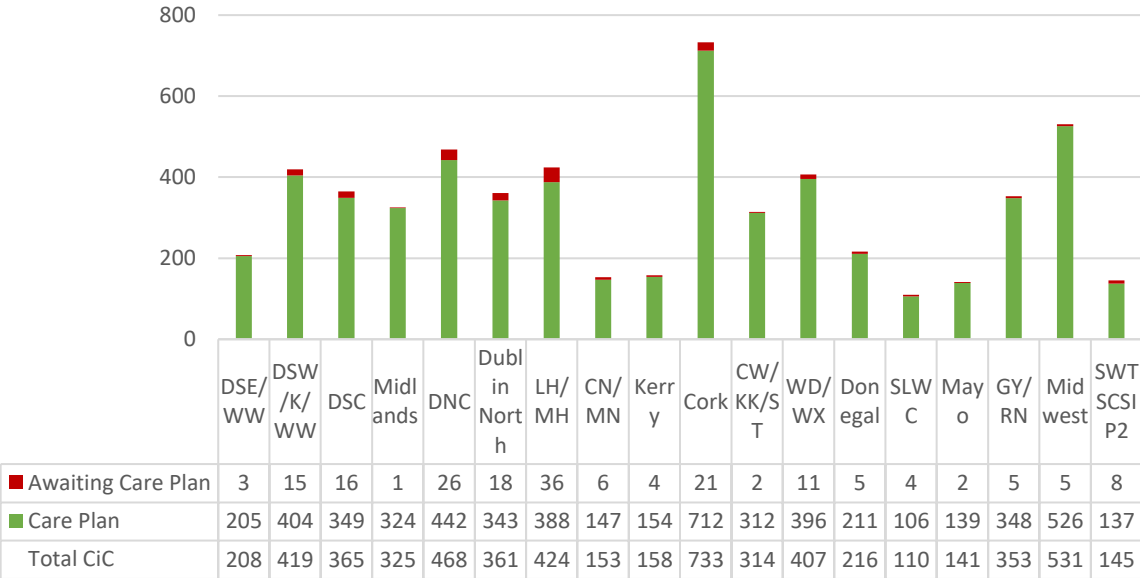
- **86% (5,025) of children in care at the end of August 2022 had an allocated social worker**; down one percentage point from July 2022.
- A total of 806 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 31 (4%) more than July 2022 (775).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (138) followed by Waterford/Wexford (120), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (120), Cork (77) and Dublin North (72). These five areas account for 65% (527) of all cases awaiting allocation.

Children in Care with a Social Worker



- **97% (5,643) of children in care at the end of August 2022 had a care plan**; no change from July 2022.
- A total of 188 children did not have a care plan, 15 more than July 2022 (173).
- Highest numbers with no care plan reported by Louth/Meath (36), Dublin North City (26) and Cork (21).

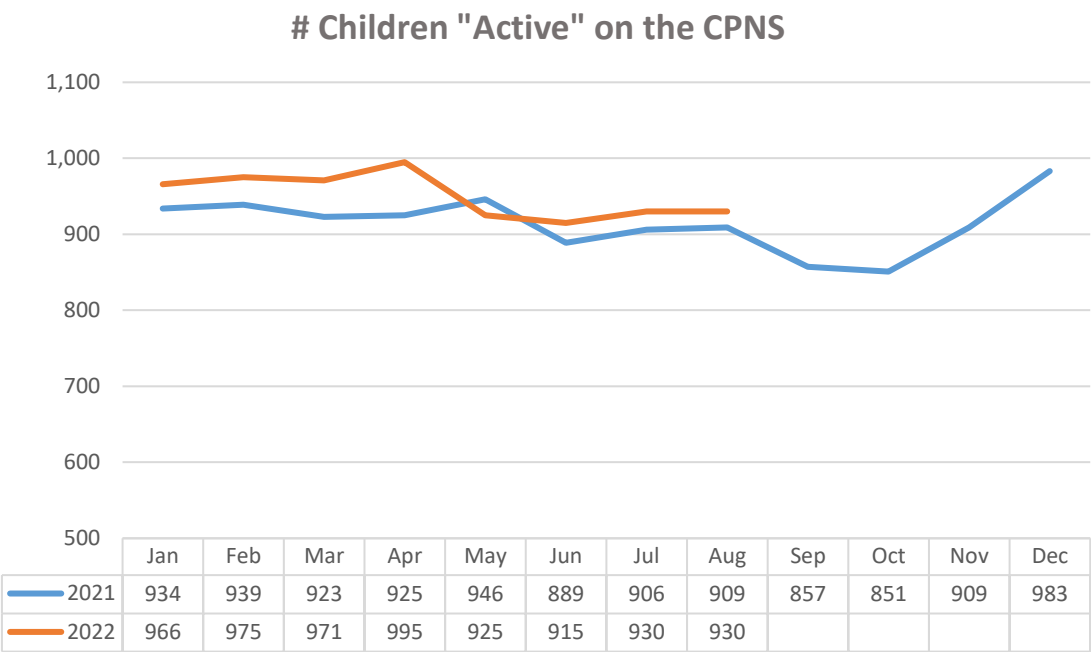
Children in Care with a Care Plan



Child Protection Notification System

- **930 children listed as “active” at the end of August 2022**; no change from July 2022.
- There were 21 (2%) more children “active” at the end of August 2022 than August 2021 (909).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of August 2022 had an **allocated social worker**.

- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of August 2022 reported by Cork (98) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (88), Dublin North (75), Dublin North City (75) and Midwest (71).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Kerry (19) followed by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (23) and Louth/Meath (27).
- Highest rates per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (16.7/10,000), Cavan/Monaghan (12.9/10,000), Mayo (11.3/10,000) and Dublin South Central (10.5/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Louth/Meath (2.9/10,000), Dublin South East/Wicklow (3.9/10,000) and Galway/Roscommon (4.8/10,000). Ten areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 7.8/10,000
- 6/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of August 2022 than July 2022. Largest increases reported by Midlands (up 14), Dublin South Central (up 5) and Cork (up 5).
- 8/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 9), Louth/Meath (down 4), Donegal (down 4) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 4).
- 11/17 areas had more children active at the end of August 2022 than at the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Cavan/Monaghan (up 26), Dublin South Central (13) and Galway/Roscommon (13).
- 6/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Donegal (down 28), Midwest (down 19) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 18).



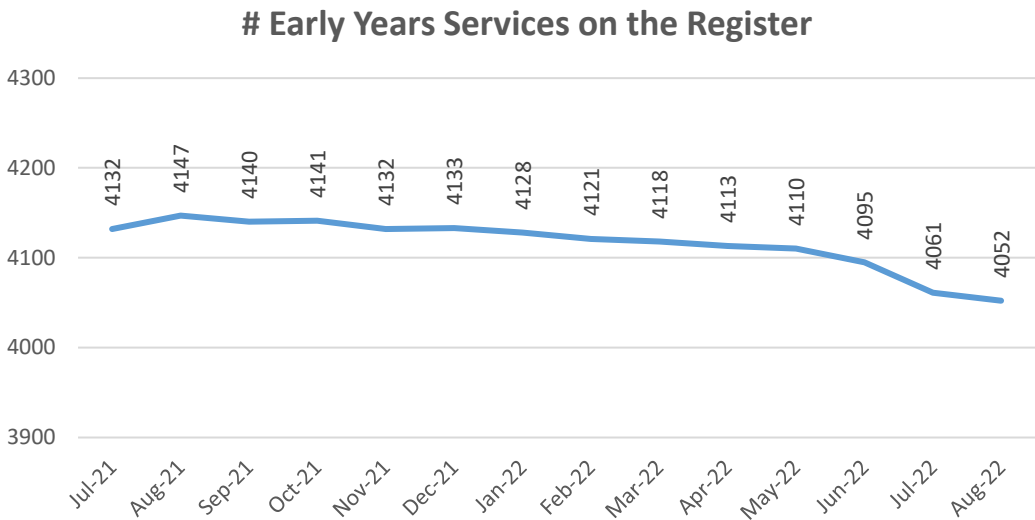
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Aug-21	Jul-22	Aug-22	Aug-22 v Aug-21	Aug-22 v Jul-22	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	64	74	75	11	1	44927	16.7
Cavan / Monaghan	21	47	47	26	0	36446	12.9
Mayo	38	36	36	-2	0	31968	11.3
Dublin South Central	56	64	69	13	5	65564	10.5
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	12	23	23	11	0	23554	9.8
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	76	64	60	-16	-4	63009	9.5
Waterford / Wexford	57	62	63	6	1	68513	9.2
Midlands	59	56	70	11	14	80193	8.7
Donegal	65	41	37	-28	-4	42865	8.6
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	76	91	88	12	-3	108186	8.1
Dublin North	67	76	75	8	-1	100654	7.5
Mid West	90	73	71	-19	-2	96266	7.4
Cork	97	93	98	1	5	134015	7.3
Kerry	32	17	19	-13	2	34527	5.5
Galway / Roscommon	25	39	38	13	-1	79912	4.8
Dublin South East / Wicklow	52	43	34	-18	-9	86810	3.9
Louth / Meath	22	31	27	5	-4	93093	2.9
Total	909	930	930	21	0	1190502	7.8

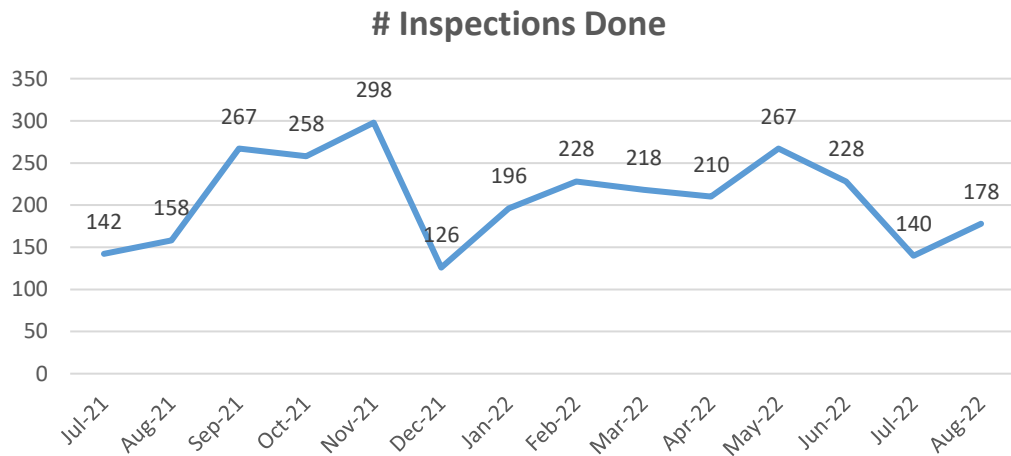
Children’s Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,052 early years services on the register at the end of August 2022**, nine fewer than July 2022 (4,061). There were 95 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of August 2022 than August 2021 (4,147).

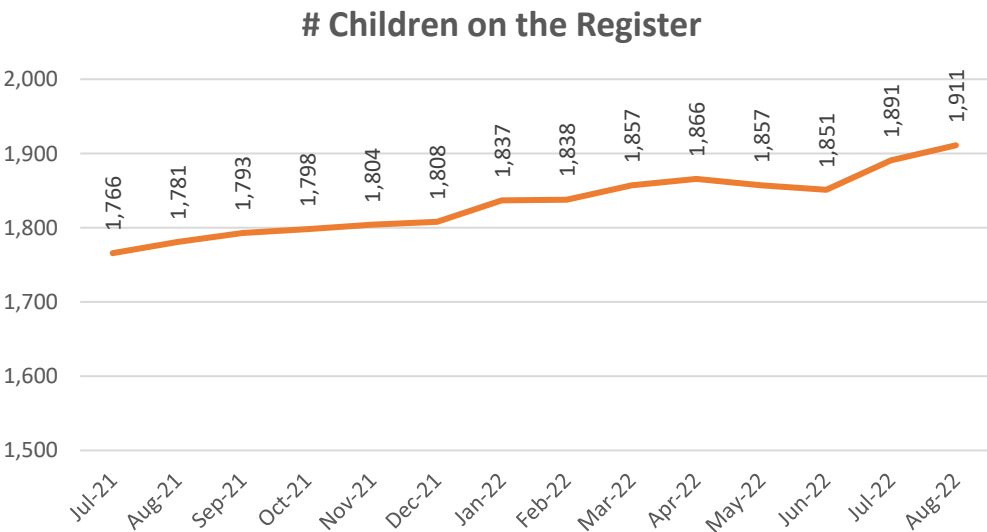


- **178 inspections of early years services done in August 2022**, 38 (27%) more than July 2022 (140). This brings to 1,665 the number of inspections for the first eight months of 2022, 110 (7%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,555). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*

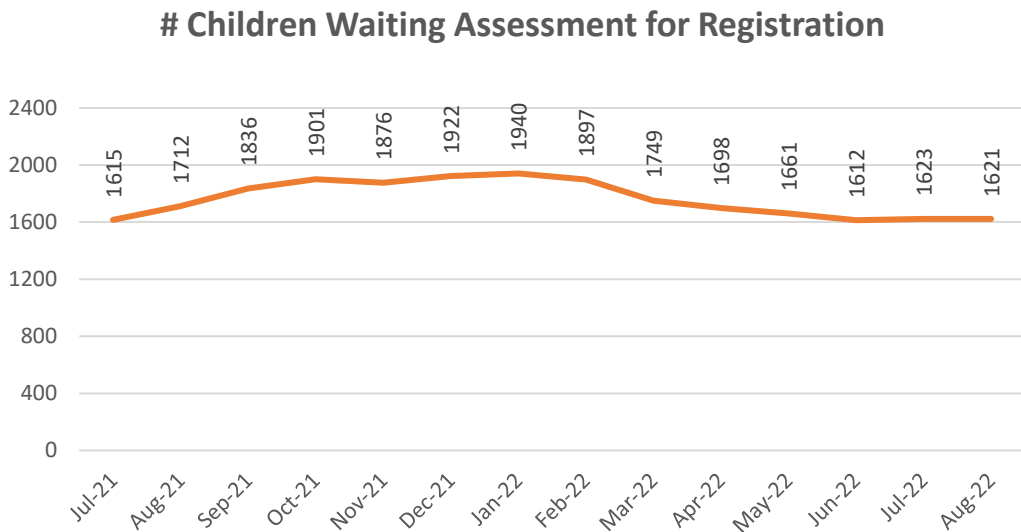


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,911 children on the register for home education at the end of August 2022**, 20 more than July 2022 (1,891) and 130 (7%) more than August 2021 (1,781).



- **1,621 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of August 2022**, two fewer than July 2022 (1,623) and 91 (5%) fewer than August 2021 (1,712).



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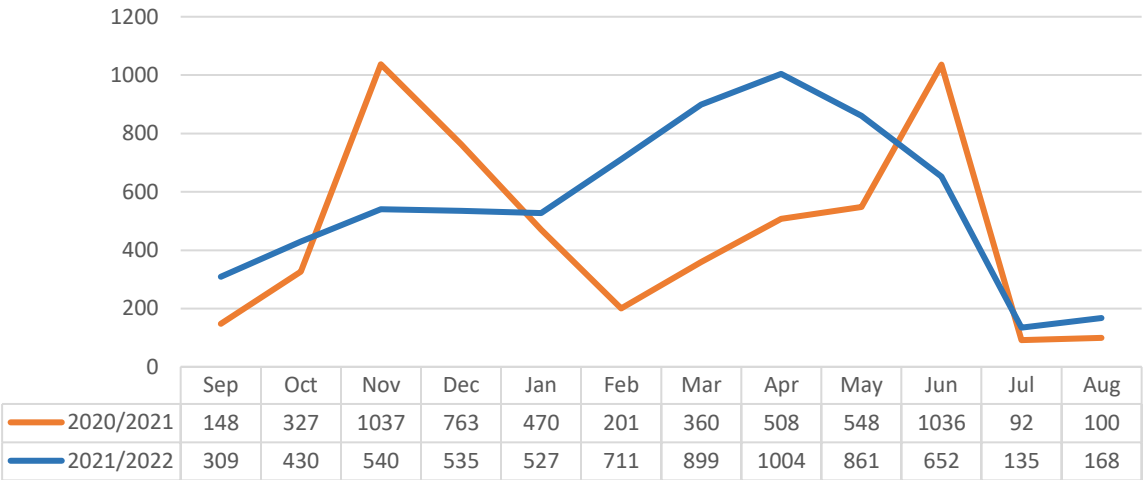
Service activity for 2020/2021 impacted by the closure of schools (Covid-19)

- **168 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in August 2022. Brings to 6,771 the number of referrals screened for the 12 months September 2021 – August 2022, 1,181 (21%) more than September 2020 – August 2021 (5,590).

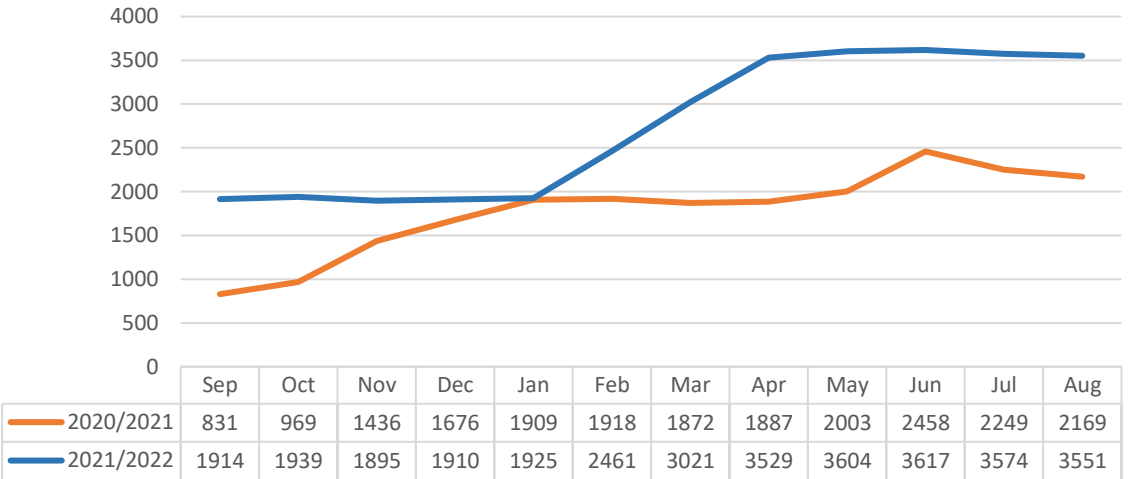
- **3,551 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of August 2022, 23 fewer than July 2022 (3,574) and 1,382 (64%) more than August 2021 (2,169).

- **96 new individual children worked with** in August 2022. Brings to 3,073 the number of new individual children worked with for the 12 months September 2021 – August 2022, 384 (14%) more than September 2020 – August 2021 (2,689).

Referrals for Educational Welfare Service



Referrals on a Waiting List at Month End



Number of New Individual Children Worked with in the Month

